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REMARKS

Claims 1-5, 8 and 23-42 are pending after entry of the amendments set forth herein.

In the above amendments, Claims 10 to 12 have been canceled in response to a request from the Examiner to place the remainder of the application in condition for allowance.

Claims 10 to 12 have been canceled solely in order to expedite allowance of the present application. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to reintroduce Claims 10 to 12 in a continuation application should the present application now issue.

The Applicants also expressly reserve the right to reintroduce Claims 10 to 12 in the present application should the Examiner issue another office action in the present application, instead of issuing a Notice of Allowance.

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Conclusion

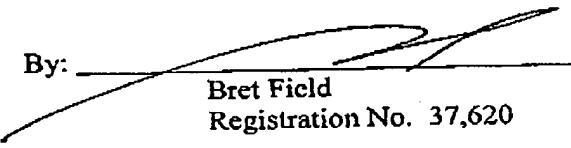
Applicants submit that all of the claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. If the Examiner finds that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment of fees associated with this communication, including any necessary fees for extensions of time, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1078, order number 10004452-1.

Respectfully submitted,
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